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## NATIONAL EGG REVIEW



As the week began prices were unchanged in New York but were higher in all other locations. As the week's prices were sharply higher in New York and unchanged in other areas. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail and food service demand was moderate to very good. Supplies were in close balance to tight and held with confidence. Breaking stock prices as well as checks and undergrade prices were higher. Demand was fair to fairly good. Offerings were tight to short of needs with breakers reporting no offerings of graded loose shell eggs at this time. Most breakers were working from regular commitments and reducing schedules as inventories are reduced. Floor stocks were in close balance. The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Removal costs for spent hens were unchanged. Offerings were mostly adequate for the light to moderate demand. The trade sentiment was about steady. Processing schedules were full-time for next week. Removal prices were 0-11 cents, mostly 6-9 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were higher for all sizes. Other reported prices were unchanged but were trending sharply higher for next week. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Cartoned egg demand was fairly good to very good. Food service sales were mostly moderate. Supplies were in close balance to tight. Central states breaking stock prices were higher. Demand was fair to fairly good with offerings tight to short of needs with breakers reporting no offerings of graded loose shell eggs at this time. Floor stocks were in close balance. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	47-56	50-53
LARGE	46-55	48-51
MEDIUM	37-46	39-42

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,  
Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged, however all sizes were trending sharply higher. Trade sentiment was fully steady to at times firm. Retail and distributive demand was moderate to good. Supplies were generally sufficient for present trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were irregular for the moderate demand. Spent hens were at least adequate for processing requirements.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	56-70	56-59
LARGE	50-64	55-59
MEDIUM	39-52	44-46

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ,  
Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

## COMBINED REGIONAL

Oct 21, 2005

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	51.50	51.00	41.00
SOUTHEAST	51.50	49.50	39.00
MIDWEST	44.00	41.50	35.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	52.50	48.50	42.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	49.96	47.61	39.63

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN** PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	10-25-05	10-18-05	10-26-04
Large	28-37	22-31	22-29
Medium	19-25	17-21	7-11

## WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- OCTOBER 24, 2005

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	Atl	Pacific	5-Area
		CENT	CENT	CENT			
Jumbo	Curr Wk	11.5	17.5	8.0	13.3	10.9	61.2
	Change	1.8	-0.7	0.9	2.1	-0.7	6%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	33.3	50.7	13.9	23.8	34.9	156.6
	Change	2.9	-2.4	-0.8	-3.0	-1.7	-3%
Large	Curr Wk	65.3	123.5	65.4	98.2	106.1	458.5
	Change	13.0	-30.6	9.0	11.6	-4.4	0%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.9	48.9	18.5	20.5	31.8	131.6
	Change	4.2	-3.8	2.5	0.6	3.5	6%
Small	Curr Wk	6.0	6.9	2.0	3.9	2.3	21.1
	Change	3.7	-1.8	-0.9	0.9	-1.6	1%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.8	30.7	10.0	16.6	5.1	65.2
	Change	-0.3	-0.2	-0.5	-0.8	1.5	0%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	21.7	34.3	26.1	29.9	24.4	136.4
	Change	-0.3	-40.5	-4.9	-5.2	-4.3	-29%
Total	Curr Wk	152.5	312.5	143.9	206.2	215.5	1030.6
Percent	Change	20%	-20%	4%	3%	-3%	-5%
TOTAL		Number of		Percent	Number of		
		Cases		Change	Cooperators		

Shell Egg	1030.6	-5%	169
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	236.5	-1%	35
Total Shell Egg	1267.1	-4%	204

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 169 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday a.m. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

2/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the relevant totals for the previous week were ADJUSTED. This adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons. The revised figures are:

	NO	SO	SO	Atl	Pacific	5-AREA
	CENT	CENT	CENT			SUMMARY
NORTHEAST	127.5	392.5	138.6	200.0	223.2	1081.8

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT  
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI  
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX  
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV  
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 22-OCT-05**(LBS IN THOUSANDS)  
(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,355,495	34,198	11,910	6,599	3,328	4,645
PW	1,397,621	35,200	12,766	6,588	3,588	4,601
LY	1,355,557	32,095	13,447	7,200	2,479	4,710
% Chg PWK	-3%	-3%	-7%	0%	-7%	1%
% Chg LY	0%	7%	-11%	-8%	34%	-1%
2005	55,262,698	1,307,103	538,710	288,554	124,580	186,492
2004	52,028,165	1,233,182	501,366	270,774	114,529	178,372
% Chg YTD	6%	6%	7%	7%	9%	5%
Average Yield Per Case -			<b>Current</b>	<b>Previous</b>	<b>Last</b>	
			<b>Week</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Year</b>	
(Inedible Included)			42.31	42.33	42.38	
(Inedible Excluded)			38.88	39.03	38.91	

IN-LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include limited amount of off-line source material)

	CASES BROKEN		LIQUID WHOLE	
	Cases	% of Total	lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	578,627	42.7%	16,336	47.8%
PREVIOUS WEEK	595,439	42.6%	16,337	46.4%
LAST YEAR	514,782	38.0%	13,096	40.8%

**BROILER HATCHERY**

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	OCT 15	OCT 22	OCT 15	OCT 22
	Thousand			
AL	30,242	30,901	20,643	21,641
AR	*29,003	28,489	23,736	23,224
DE	3,767	3,690	5,466	5,940
FL	1,384	1,379	1,471	1,583
GA	*32,431	31,484	*26,400	25,995
KY	5,986	6,136	*6,127	5,711
LA	4,136	3,834	3,381	3,993
MD	8,813	8,737	*4,958	4,679
MS	*16,951	17,973	*16,535	15,617
NC	17,334	17,914	14,620	14,691
OK	6,590	6,619	3,965	4,566
PA	*4,032	3,976	*2,908	3,091
SC	5,093	5,029	3,630	4,838
TX	14,806	13,642	12,960	10,369
VA	6,009	6,190	4,922	4,651
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,101	17,069	*16,221	15,606

19 State Total \*203,678 203,062 \*167,943 166,195

Previous Year Total 196,265 194,298 164,297 164,597

Pct. of Prev. Year 104 105 102 101

\* Revised

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 03-Dec-05 is estimated at 154.1 million head. This compares to 153.9 million head the previous week and to 155.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 164.6 million head and the composite weighted average price was 68.43 cents per pound.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 10/20/05-10/26/05

CURRENT LDS 72.00 FUTURE LDS 57.50 TOTAL LDS 129.50

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	36.17	39.50	39.25	39.79	42.00	40.00	23.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	67.00	—	—	2.00
GL W J	—	—	51.00	52.00	52.00	57.00	1.75
GL W XL	58.00	57.13	51.28	51.44	43.22	48.50	45.00
GL W LG	—	54.33	45.14	46.67	48.38	—	26.00
GL W MD	33.00	39.50	40.00	38.67	33.00	33.00	8.25
GL W SM	28.00	30.00	27.13	29.00	—	—	6.00
GL BR J	—	—	—	—	69.00	—	.25
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	36.00	—	22.00
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 22-OCT-2005**

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG PW	LY
Atlanta	26.4	27.0	-2	-1
Boston	3.0	3.3	-9	-6
Chicago	91.3	95.4	-4	48
Detroit	30.1	23.2	30	12
Kansas City	4.7	2.9	62	124
Los Angeles	117.7	120.0	-2	24
New Orleans	5.6	5.7	-2	-35
New York	32.7	29.4	11	7
St. Louis	16.5	15.8	4	-8
San Francisco	19.6	18.7	5	3
Total	347.6	341.4	2	19
4 Week Moving Avg.	335.5			

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 22-OCT-05**

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		TURKEYS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	2,041	2,824	25	4	4,894
Avg Wt	15.97	35.39	25.19	33.20	27.24
Last week	1,864	2,660	30	5	4,559
Same wk yr ago	1,806	2,597	87	8	4,498
Avg Wt	16.53	36.70	24.01	29.66	28.34
To-date/2005	74,695	108,693	996	186	184,570
To-date/2004	72,358	107,400	2,207	308	182,273

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**

Week ending 22-OCT-05

(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)

—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED	AVG
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	THOUSAND	HEAD- LIVE WT
North East	878	21	23.73	(A) 879 23.73
South Atlantic	708	-6	29.65	(A) 709 29.65
North Central	2,225	2	31.21	(A) 2,226 31.21
South Central	781	26	18.41	(A) 782 18.41
West	298	6	25.18	(A) 298 25.18
U.S. total	4,890(B)	7	27.24	4 4,894 27.24
To-date				
2005	184,384(B)		186	184,570
To-date				
2004	181,965(B)		308	182,273

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 25,000; for the current year to date 996,000; for last year to date 2,207,000.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION** (Preliminary)

W/E 22-Oct-2005	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	163,790	1,060	1,515	2,575	532
Avg Wt	5.44	3.24	8.05	6.07	6.75
Last week	164,748	1,322	1,501	2,823	498
Same wk yr ago	162,135	1,462	1,501	2,963	469
Avg Wt	5.41	3.37	8.08	5.76	6.47
To-date/2005	6,778,216	60,904	59,610	120,514	20,874
To-date/2004	6,592,318	57,341	57,025	114,366	19,624

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 160.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 165.8 million head, or 5.1 million more than estimated available.

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER****UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 29-Oct-05**

CLASS	Current Week 10/29/05(1)	Previous Week 10/22/05
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
Broiler/fryer	165,084(2)	168,259
Light hens	1,411	1,051
Heavy hens	1,487	1,438
Total	167,982	170,748

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 29-Oct-05 is 161.8 million head compared to 162.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 165.4 million head or 3.6 million more than estimated available. For the week of 05-Nov-05 the estimated available is 160.7 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/****FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
September 17	171.3	164.8	104%	5.33
24	167.4	165.7	101%	5.30
October 1	164.7	165.1	100%	5.35
8	168.6	164.3	103%	5.42
15	166.7	161.8	103%	5.50
22	165.8	160.7	103%	5.44
Year to date	6860.4	6914.3	99%	
October 29		162.2		
November 5		161.6		

**FINAL BROILER/FRYER** Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 24-OCT-2005 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS	
Chicago	60.00-63.00	62.99	40	64.61	70	
Los Angeles	81.00	79.75	56	73.44	144	
New York	62.00-65.00	63.48	23	66.70	67	

**COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS**

24-OCT-2005	Change from 17-OCT-2005	17-OCT-2005	25-OCT-2004
68.69	-12	68.81	68.01

NUMBER OF LOADS 594

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS,** FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	81-87	81	81.00	40
CENTRAL REGION 4/	82-87	83-86	84.44	121
WESTERN REGION 5/	82-87	82	82.00	240

**16-24 LB TOMS**

EASTERN REGION	82-84	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	82-83	83	83.00	10.5
WESTERN REGION	81.5-82	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

**COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -** Selected Centers (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM 10/24/05	3,943	96,912	62,802
AM 10/01/05	3,350	115,061	55,027
CHG	593	-18149	7775
PCT CHG	18%	-16%	14%

**HEN MARKETS**

**HEAVY TYPE** (7 pounds and up)\* Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 24-OCT-05

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	9.75-15.5 CENTS/LB.	12-13	12.67
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	9.25-15.5 CENTS/LB.	11.75-13	12.38

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

\*Weights under 7 lbs. subject to discount.

**LIGHT TYPE** Cents per head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

21-OCT-05	REMOVAL COST
REGIONS	RANGE MAJORITY
Eastern	5-13 8-9
South Central	Too Few To Report
North Central	0-11 6-9

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT**

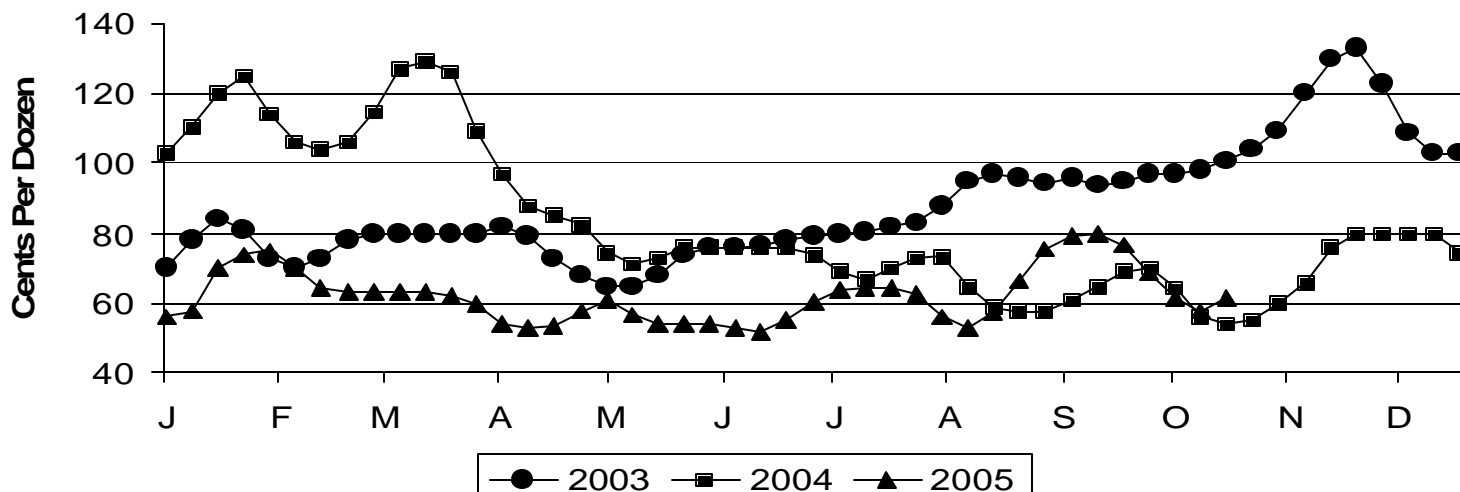
(Receipts From Producers)

W/E 22-Oct-2005	CASES (IN THOUS)	PW	LY
REGIONS			
North Atlantic	210.1	0	0
East North Central	624.8	2	14
West North Central	287.8	5	0
South Atlantic	198.1	-1	-11
South Central	62.9	5	-10
West	202.1	2	13
Total	1585.8	-1	5

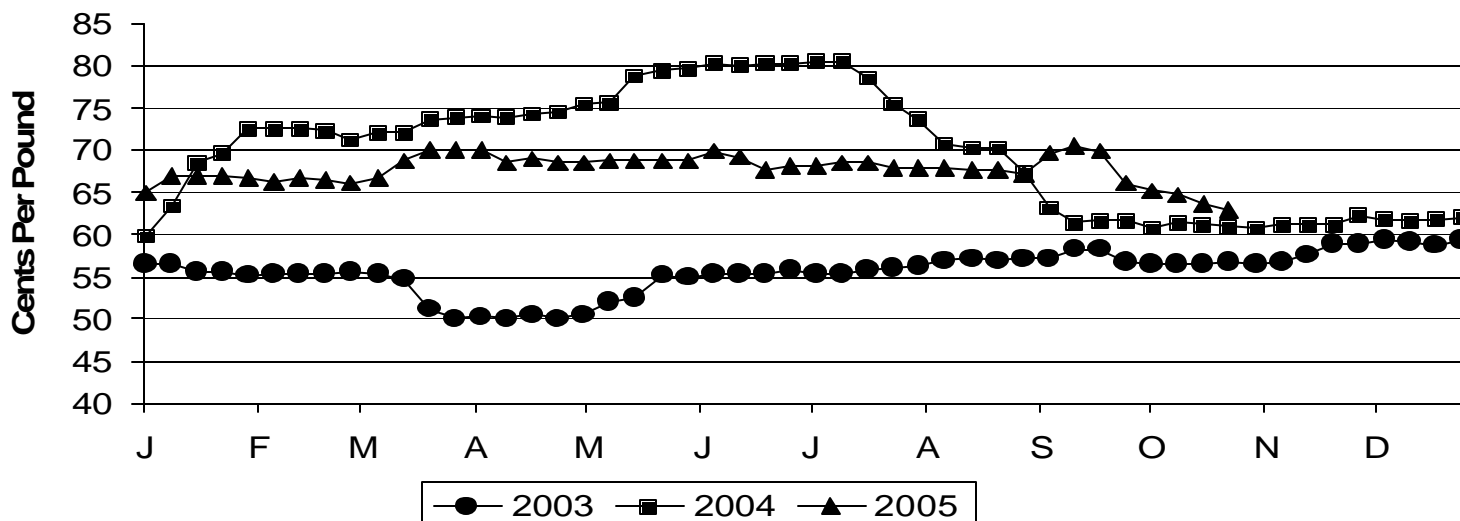
Matched Plants reporting Previous week 86  
Last year 84

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)  
East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)  
South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)  
West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

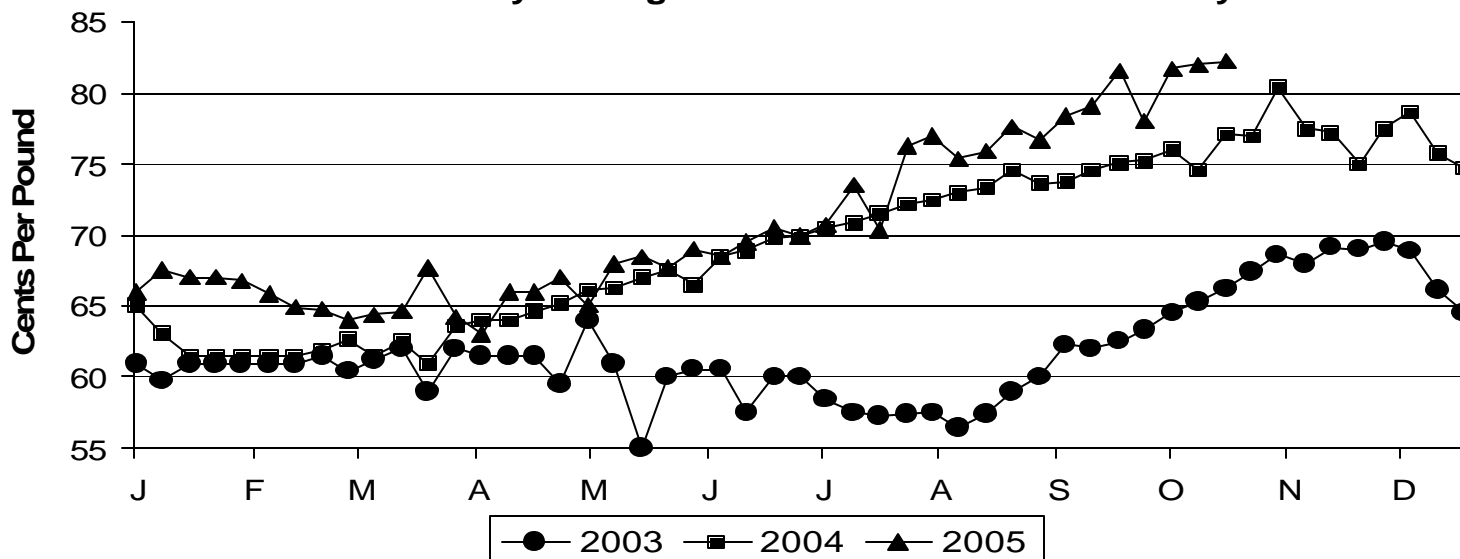
### New York Large Weekly Average Price



### Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices



### Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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